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For: HAIR CLIPPING DEVICE WITH
ROTATING BLADESET HAVING
MULTIPLE CUTTING EDGES

Art Unit: 3724

Examiner: Ashley, Boyer Dolinger

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 25, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect Group III, corresponding to claims 25-26, 30 and 37-42, and respectfully traverse the restriction.

The grounds for traversal are that examination of the other groups would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. The non-elected claims share several common features with the elected claims, and a search for the other groups would likely overlap.

As correctly noted by the Examiner, claim 25 links the inventions of Groups I-III. More specifically, each of the groups identified by the Examiner are all

directed to a hair clipping device that has a housing, a blade set that includes at least one stationary blade and at least one moving blade, the stationary and moving blades having first and second edges. Moreover, the housing is defined by a single cutting location on the housing of the blade, with the bladeset being rotatably engageable on the housing at least between the first position and a second position.

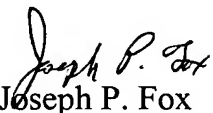
Moreover, each of the groups identified by the Examiner is classified in class 30. Furthermore, each of the claims in groups I-III are dependent from a common independent claim 25, and merely recited additional features of the present invention defined in the independent claim. For these reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

In view of the above-identified above election and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the issue raised in the October 25, 2004 Restriction Requirement have been addressed. In the event that there are additional issues which may be corrected by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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